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The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Special act 04-8 is amended to read as follows (*Effective*
2 *from passage*):

3 (a) There is established an interagency task force on trafficking in
4 persons. For the purposes of this section, "trafficking" means all acts
5 involved in the recruitment, abduction, transport, harboring, transfer,
6 sale or receipt of persons, within national or across international
7 borders, through force, coercion, fraud or deception, to place persons
8 in situations of slavery or slavery-like conditions, forced labor or
9 services, such as forced prostitution or sexual services, domestic
10 servitude, bonded sweatshop labor or other debt bondage.

11 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members or their
12 designees:

- 13 (1) The Attorney General;
- 14 (2) The Chief State's Attorney;
- 15 (3) The Chief Public Defender;
- 16 (4) The Commissioner of Public Safety;
- 17 (5) The Labor Commissioner;
- 18 (6) The Commissioner of Social Services;
- 19 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health;
- 20 (8) The Commissioner of Children and Families;
- 21 (9) The Child Advocate;
- 22 (10) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
23 committee of the General Assembly on the judiciary;
- 24 (11) The chairperson of the Commission on Children;
- 25 (12) The chairperson of the Permanent Commission on the Status of
26 Women;
- 27 (13) The chairperson of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs
28 Commission;
- 29 (14) The chairperson of the African-American Affairs Commission;
- 30 (15) A municipal police chief appointed by the Connecticut Police
31 Chiefs Association; [and]
- 32 (16) Three representatives of the Judicial Branch appointed by the
33 Chief Court Administrator, one of whom shall be a representative of
34 the Office of Victim Services and one of whom shall be a representative
35 of the Court Support Services Division;
- 36 (17) The Victim Advocate; and

37 [(16)] (18) Seven public members appointed as follows: The
38 Governor shall appoint one member who shall represent Connecticut
39 Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.; the president pro tempore of the
40 Senate shall appoint one member who shall represent an organization
41 that provides civil legal services to low-income individuals; the
42 speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member
43 who shall represent the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic
44 Violence; the majority leader of the Senate shall appoint one member
45 who shall represent an organization that deals with behavioral health
46 needs of women and children; the majority leader of the House of
47 Representatives shall appoint one member who shall represent an
48 organization that advocates on social justice and human rights issues;
49 the minority leader of the Senate shall appoint one member who shall
50 represent the Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition; and the
51 minority leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one
52 member who shall represent the Asian-American community.

53 (c) The chairperson of the Permanent Commission on the Status of
54 Women or the chairperson's designee shall schedule the first meeting
55 of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the
56 effective date of this section. The task force shall select a chairperson
57 from among its membership. The Permanent Commission on the
58 Status of Women shall provide any necessary support staff or services
59 for the task force.

60 (d) The task force shall:

61 (1) Collect and organize data on the nature and extent of trafficking
62 in persons in the state;

63 (2) Investigate collaborative models for protecting victims of
64 trafficking;

65 (3) Measure and evaluate the progress of the state in (A) preventing
66 trafficking, (B) protecting and providing assistance to victims of
67 trafficking, and (C) prosecuting persons engaged in trafficking;

68 (4) Identify available federal, state and local programs that provide
69 services to victims of trafficking that include, but are not limited to,
70 health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job
71 training or preparation, interpreting services, English as a second
72 language classes, voluntary repatriation and victim's compensation;

73 (5) Evaluate approaches to increase public awareness of trafficking,
74 and implement such approaches;

75 (6) Analyze existing state criminal statutes for their adequacy in
76 addressing trafficking and, if such analysis determines that those
77 statutes are inadequate, recommend revisions to those statutes or the
78 enactment of new statutes that specifically define and address
79 trafficking; [and]

80 (7) Consult with governmental and nongovernmental organizations
81 in developing recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to
82 prevent trafficking, protect and assist victims of trafficking and
83 prosecute traffickers;

84 (8) Address access to rights, benefits and services for victims of
85 trafficking including, but not limited to:

86 (A) Medical and related professional services;

87 (B) Legal services and protections;

88 (C) Safe housing and shelter;

89 (D) Voluntary repatriation;

90 (E) Victim's compensation; and

91 (F) Protection while in custody; and

92 (9) Identify criteria for providing victim services.

93 (e) All state and local agencies shall cooperate with the task force
94 and provide such data and other information as the task force may

95 require in carrying out its duties under this section.

96 (f) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
97 the General Assembly in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
98 statutes not later than January 1, [2006] 2007.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	SA 04-8

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Statewide (includes various state agencies)	GF - Cost	Less than \$5,000	Less than \$5,000	None
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Potential Cost	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Muni Police Dpts supporting CT Chief's Assoc.	Potential Cost	Less than \$500	Less than \$500	None

Explanation

The bill continues for another year the interagency task force on trafficking in persons, increases the number of agencies required to participate, expands the scope of issues that the task force must address and requires the task force to implement public awareness of the trafficking issue.

The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), which supports the task force, and the various other state agencies participating in the task force during the 2006 calendar year will be able to do so at a total state cost estimated to be less than \$5,000 annually for any mileage reimbursements, printing, copying and mailing or other incidental expenses incurred. This cost can be accommodated within the respective agencies' budgeted resources. Since the enabling legislation for the task force also includes a representative of the Connecticut Police Chief's Association, a negligible draw on the resources of the Association, which is

supported by municipalities, could occur.

The cost of implementing public awareness under the bill depends upon the scope of the effort and the types of media used. Agency representatives thus far have been able to engage in various activities raising awareness at little or no cost. It is unknown if sustaining this level of activity fulfills the bill's mandate of implementing public awareness. If it does not, then additional resources would be needed. Available federal funds, in the amount of \$24,700 total, have been budgeted over three years to pay for advertising and awareness campaigns in this state. It is anticipated that the PCSW would incur any costs beyond this amount since it is responsible for providing services to the task force. It should be noted that the January 2006 report by the task force indicates the need for a "large-scale" statewide public awareness campaign that could exceed the amount of federal funding available.

The Out Years

There is no cost in the out years since authorization for the task force ends January 1, 2007.

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 0